



## Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard



### CSM John D. Gipe

Command Sergeant John D. Gipe currently serves as the 8<sup>th</sup> Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard.

In this position, CSM Gipe serves as the Director of the Army National Guard's personal advisor on all enlisted matters, with special emphasis on quality of life and training. As the Senior Noncommissioned Officer in the Army National Guard, he also acts as a representative and advocate for the 310,000 Enlisted Soldiers and NCOs in the 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia to the Army leadership and Congress.

The CSM spends the majority of his time visiting Soldiers deployed around the world, observing training and visiting military installations. He sits on several councils and boards that make decisions affecting Soldiers, units and families. His interaction with other United States and foreign military services provides valuable insight into joint and combined operations.

His military education culminated in his graduation from the Sergeant's Major Academy in 2002 and the Keystone Course in 2006.

After his selection in November of 2004, he served a short tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom prior to assuming duty as the CSM of the Army National Guard on 20 June 2005.

CSM Gipe served the first nineteen years of his military career in a traditional status with the Kentucky Army National Guard. He began his career as a member 2/123 Armor Battalion as a 19D Cavalry Scout. Later he served the 2/123<sup>rd</sup> as Delta Company First Sergeant, and then as Operations Sergeant Major. He also served as the Commandant for Noncommissioned Officer's Academy and the Command Sergeant Major of the 238<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

CSM Gipe worked as an engineer with CSX railroad until he was selected as Kentucky's State Command Sergeant Major in 2002. He is currently on a military leave of absence.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal (GWOT) and the Air Assault Badge.

CSM Gipe resides in Arlington, Va., with his wife. He has one daughter, a college student.

